



## **RPM & Associates, Inc. Receives Gold Boeing Performance Excellence Award**

Rapid City, South Dakota, January 28, 2011 – RPM & Associates, Inc. today announced that it has received a 2010 Boeing Performance Excellence Award. The Boeing Company issues the award annually to recognize suppliers who have achieved superior performance. RPM & Associates, Inc. maintained a Gold composite performance rating for each month of the 12-month period, from Oct. 1, 2009, to Sept. 30, 2010.

This year, Boeing recognized 558 suppliers who achieved either a Gold or Silver level Boeing Performance Excellence Award. RPM & Associates, Inc. is one of only 141 suppliers to receive the Gold level of recognition.

“RPM is very honored and humbled by this recognition. We work very hard for our customers and are sincerely proud when our efforts are officially recognized. As one of the original founders of RPM, I feel extremely gratified when our team receives such recognition. On behalf of our staff, I want to thank The Boeing Company for this award and for the faith and trust they have in our company.” states Robert P. Mudge, President of RPM & Associates, Inc.

RPM & Associates, Inc. supplies Laser Deposition Technology products and services to Boeing for the Light Weight Exhaust Systems program. RPM & Associates, Inc. added Laser Deposition Technology (LDT) capabilities in 2004 to better service their existing customer base of coal fired power companies as well as expand into Department of Defense (DoD) and aerospace applications. LDT is used to repair high value components or to free form manufacture new metal parts directly from CAD files. As LDT has matured, DoD and aerospace industry groups have been embracing this innovative metal deposition capability.

RPM & Associates, Inc. is a South Dakota corporation that was founded in 1982 that is based in Rapid City. The company focuses on innovative wear solutions for industry by employing creative engineering, automatic welding and the appropriate selection of materials.

For more information on the Boeing Performance Excellence Award, visit [http://boeing.com/companyoffices/doingbiz/supplier\\_portal/bpea.html](http://boeing.com/companyoffices/doingbiz/supplier_portal/bpea.html).

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